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## Newsletter

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### Thanks

.. To those parents who have set aside time to assist with the forthcoming interschool athletics, senior EOTC day and the years 4 to 6 triathlon. Quite simply, these events would likely not proceed without your support.

.. To those who have already returned their digital technologies survey.

### People of the week

.. those children selected for next week's Spelling Bee competition .. Sage, Amia, William, Emilie, Tyla, Lachlan, Emily D, Jessica, Tahi-Ora, James, Molly, Tama, Olly P, Paddy, Megan, Toby, Magan and Tegan. Good luck!

.. those children who took on the extra task of preparing an art portfolio for judging next week .. a reminder that these are due by 3:30 Monday 24 November.

.. Caden Gunson who showed both perseverance & compassion at a motocross race by hopping back on his motorbike after a crash and after the race making sure the other rider was ok. Well done Caden!

### Term Events

Please pencil the following dates into your calendar (a few are tentative). We will advise of further dates as these come to hand.

25 November	Year 4 to 6 Interschool Athletics
26 November	Year 7 and 8 EOTC Day at Whangarei Falls
27 November	Whangarei Girls' High School Orientation Day
27 November	Kamo High School Orientation Day
27 November	Year 8 girls HPV 3 vaccination
2 December	Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics
3 December	School Athletics
10 December	Prize Giving (pp 15.12)
11 December	Reports issued
16 December	Final school day for 2014
2 February	First day of the 2015 school year

### Term 4 virtue

Recipients of last term's ENTHUSIASM virtue ... here they are!  
 Congratulations to the following children (and their parents) ...

Room 1	Brooke Tito	Molly Henderson
Room 2	Leon Wieggersms	Georgia Perris
Room 3	Hunter Adams	Noema Oppert
Room 4	Caprese Newnham	Natasha Nyhuis
Room 5	Caden Gunson	Jack Perris
Room 6	Asher O'Donnell	Brenna Misilei
Room 7	Liam Rosemergy	
Room 8	Harley Harwood	Kaiyah Pitts
Room 9	Jacob Sissons	Taylor Dackers
Room 10	Emily Darroch	James Henderson-Biss
Room 11	Johnathan Dunn	Oliver Parker
Room 12	Caleb Vallance	Grace Hegh

### Class Placements 2015

Teachers will soon be giving consideration to class placements for 2015. The final decisions must ultimately be made by the school, but we can throw parent requests / suggestions **of a general nature** into the mix (no guarantees). If there is something you would like us to consider (e.g. works well with ... , not so well with ... , needing extension, needing consolidation, best not separated from ... , etc) please give Kevin a call, drop by, or flick him an email on [principal@matarau.school.nz](mailto:principal@matarau.school.nz).

Where a parental request is not met, that parent will be advised the reasons why in due course.

### Senior EOTC Day - Whangarei Falls

This is now scheduled for Monday (24.11) and not Wednesday. A huge thank you to parents assisting with transport and supervision, and best wishes to students as they "push their boundaries". Any questions please to Mrs Donaldson.

### Year 4 -6 field trip to Dam, wetlands etc

.. is scheduled for Wednesday 26 November. Thanks to those helping. Children will travel by bus (departing 9:15 and returning by early afternoon) and will need to bring green Matarau shirt, Matarau hat, sunblock, a drink bottle with water and plenty to eat. both children and adults attending are asked to wear enclosed shoes for the day. Any questions to Mr Schuster please.

### Prizegiving

Please pencil in 10 December for prizegiving (pp 15.12)... getting underway 7:00 PM. As is our custom we will have a little present for each student ... as well as for pre-schoolers. **If you intend bringing your pre-schooler to prizegiving please give Donna a call next week.**

### WBHS Year 9 Entry Tests - 28 November

Senior staff have been working with the relevant boys to ensure they are ready for their entry tests. These tests will be held in the WBHS hall on 28 November. A reminder that it is the responsibility of parents to phone the WBHS office to book their child for their tests, and to arrange their transport to and from the venue

### Year 4-6 and Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics Competitions

Children who qualified for the above events at the Zone Athletics (Poroti School) will have received consent forms. Please get these back to school on Monday.

The Year 4 to 6 tournament is scheduled for 25 November, and the Year 7 and 8 tournament for 2 December .. both at Kensington Park.

### Homestay/Rental

We have had enquiries from a Columbian mother who would like accommodation for herself and her son while he attends Matarau School for a period up to six months. If interested in hosting or if you have suitable rental accommodation please contact Kevin next week.

### School Contributions

... please forward payment as soon as possible, and don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

### Leaving Books

Year 8 students received a book voucher early this week to put towards a leaving book of their choice. Thank you (in anticipation) parents for assisting in the purchase of a suitable book. The vouchers are redeemable at most book stores. Books are to be returned to school by 1 December please to be officially presented at prizegiving.

### Parent Helpers' Morning Tea

Parents who have assisted the school in any way whatsoever this year are invited to a Parent Helpers' Morning Tea in the school hall starting 10:30 AM Tuesday 9 December. This is our chance to say thank you for the contributions you have made to the school over 2014. So .. whether you have helped in classrooms, the library, camps, day trips, Bible in schools .. whatever .. please join us if you can. **If you think you will be at this morning tea can you please advise Helen next week to assist us with catering.**

### Digital Technologies Survey

The due date for return of surveys has been extended to Monday 24 November. The more forms returned, the more reliable will be our impressions, and the better we will be able to provide for the needs of you and your child.

### School Disco

The school council is organising a disco for Friday 5 December for children years 4 to 8. The disco will get underway at 7:00 and be over by 8:45. Please advise Kevin if you are available to help with supervision. Children will be asked to bring a plate and a \$2 coin to help cover the costs of the DJ. Something will be organised for junior children (likely) during school hours .. details to be advised.

### Classes for 2015

Class lists for 2015 will be displayed on the hall notice board on the afternoon of Friday 12 December.

### Drink Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a drink bottle to school each day to place on their desk. Water is best.

### Home Gardens

**A reminder that diaries and permission slips are due to the school office Monday 24 November.** Gardens will be visited by judges **29 November**. This year we are inviting interested children to visit other children's gardens on the judging day **with the consent of the parents of the host garden**. You should feel under no pressure to give this consent, but this is a great way for children to grow a sense of community, share their gardens and gather garden ideas. Any questions to Mrs Abbott please.

### School Cups

... still a few outstanding. Can we have these on Monday please. Thanks

### Scholastic Book Club

Issue 8 was sent home this week. All orders and payments are due at the office no later than Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November. No late orders this month please. Thank you to all who have supported this over 2014. We have received lots of new books for our library due to your purchases.

### Wizard of Middle Earth Production DVD

Order forms will be sent home next week. Cost will be \$16 per DVD. Any queries to Mr Schuster in Room 9 or by email on [sschuster@matarau.school.nz](mailto:sschuster@matarau.school.nz)

### Lunchtime Athletics

If you are able to assist with lunchtime athletics competitions please give Kevin a call on Monday morning .. you can pick year level, field event, and preferred day.

### Early Arrival

Please ensure that children are not dropped at school before 8:00 AM. We cannot guarantee supervision before this time.

### Finally

Congratulations again to those children who received virtues letters, certificates and acknowledgements this week ... congratulations also to their parents. We owe a huge debt to those children (and adults) who consistently, by their example, raise the bar for us all. They show us what is possible when we focus, put others first and aim to be the best we can be. Well done!

Regards

Kevin Trehwella  
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# School Fundraising Opportunity



## Recipes needed for Matarau Cookbook!

We want to put a Matarau Cookbook together for all our family and friends to raise funds for the school. Once we have enough recipes we will create a printed cookbook that will be available for sale before the summer holidays. What a great idea as a Xmas gift or something you can treasure for years to come!! Please send at least 1 or 2 of your favourite tried-and-true recipes

to [cherrie.parker@gmail.com](mailto:cherrie.parker@gmail.com) before next **Friday 28th November** - the more recipes we get the better!

## Community Notices

**For Sale** – Eggs, \$5.00 per dozen or \$3 per ½ dozen. Ph or text Helen 02102328094

**Free Dental Visits** – Reminder to take your children to the Kamo Community Dental Clinic for regular checkups. Ph 4304101 ext 7556 for an appointment.

**"Baby Bag/Play Mat** - Grab 'n Go makes mums life a bit easier. Visit [www.grabngo.co.nz](http://www.grabngo.co.nz) and buy your Christmas Present now.

**Countdown to Christmas Concert** - Saturday 29th November the musical extravaganza "countdown to Christmas" is on at Forum North on 29 November at 1pm and 6pm. The show stars a few children from Matarau School so come along and show your support. Tickets are \$5 each. Please contact **Cherrie Parker on 027 437 1057 or see Milly Parker in Room 6** for tickets, or they are available from the Kauri Shop at the Town Basin. The show is being put on by the Rising Starz Performing Arts Trust.

**Classical Guitar Concert** – Jamie Garrick, Winner NZ Aspiring Guitarist (2014), Sat 29 Nov, 6.30pm Old Library, 7 Rust Ave,

**Hopscotch For Kids- after school care** - is seeking expressions of interest from Matarau School for Term 1 2015 - (flyer included with newsletter).

**Hurupaki Educare - Pre Christmas 2014 and January Holiday Programme 2015** - open pre Christmas from Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2014 and again on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015 for 4 weeks. 8.00am to 5.30pm, based in the Hurupaki School Hall. Activities include trips to ten pin bowling, movies x 2, trips to Reotahi and Whale Bay, along with other action packed days. OSCAR accredited, families can apply for WINZ assistance – conditions apply. Discounts available for two or more children from the one family. To view and download forms go to [www.schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz](http://www.schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz) or contract Christin on 0274-821331 or [info@schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz](mailto:info@schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz) for more information.

**Ruatangata Playcentre Community Fun Day** - 23rd November. 11am - 2pm, Free Sausage Sizzle & Drink, Free Bouncy Castle, Free Bubbles, Free Face painting, Garage Sale. All families welcome, 1190 Pipiwai Road - (next to Community Hall)

**Whangarei Choral Society** – presents Simply Sacred, St John's Church, Kamo Rd, Kensington, Saturday Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 2pm, Entry by programme Adults \$20, Seniors \$15, Children \$5.

**Pre-Schoolers - Playgroup** – every Tuesday 9.30-11.30, *Mainly Music* - every Thursday 10am-11am at Kaurihohore Church, Apotu Rd, Kauri (next to Kauri School).



Paddy & James  
Henderson-Biss,  
Orlando Jones,  
Lale Willcocks and  
Connan Wiegiersma  
performing  
at the Kamo Rest  
Home